

STARS for KIDS NOW CHILD CARE QUALITY RATING SYSTEM STANDARDS
LICENSED TYPE II FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Ratios	1. Current Licensing standards; 12 maximum number children in care Age Ratio 0-1 1:5 1-2 1:6 2-3 1:10 3 and older 1:12 2. Caregiver to child ratios posted prominently.	1. Current Licensing standards; 12 maximum number children in care Age Ratio 0-1 1:5 1-2 1:6 2-3 1:10 3 and older 1:12 2. Caregiver to child ratios posted prominently.	1. Age Ratio 0 - 1 1:4 1 - 2 1:5 2 - 3 1:8 3 and older 1:12 2. Required caregiver to child ratios posted prominently.	1. Age Ratio 0 - 1 1:4 1 - 2 1:5 2 - 3 1:8 3 and older 1:12 2. Required caregiver to child ratios posted prominently.
Curriculum	3. Current licensing standards 4. Complete STARS for KIDS NOW Overview 5. Plan of program activities posted 6. Daily schedule posted 7. At least one family involvement activity annually 8. Agree to complete a curriculum assessment using family child care ERS within 12 months (<i>No minimum score</i>) 9. Second year: written improvement plan based on assessment findings in place	Level 1 requirements plus : 3. An additional family involvement activity annually (<i>minimum of 2</i>) 4. A written plan for family involvement 5. Completed family child care ERS with an average program score of 3 6. Develop annual written ERS improvement plan with assistance, if requested, from Cabinet or its designee 7. Maintain minimum average ERS score of 4 beyond 4 th year 8. Reads to children daily	Level 2 requirements plus : 3. An additional family involvement activity annually (<i>minimum of 3</i>) 4. An average program score of 4.5 on family child care ERS 5. Must score at least 5 on family child care ERS items related to use of TV. Provider limits use of TV to programs and video games regarded as good for children (<i>no more than 2 hrs/day</i>). Activities are provided as an alternative while TV is on.	Level 3 requirements plus : 3. An additional family involvement activity annually (minimum of 4) 4. An average program score of 5.5 on family child care ERS 5. Accreditation by state approved national accrediting organization <hr/> To qualify for Enhancement Award: • An average program score above 5.5 on family child care ERS
Training	10. Current licensing standards 11. Create and implement written individual training plans for director and staff annually 12. Introduction to the KY Early Childhood Development Scholarship program	Level 1 requirements plus : 9. Home offers staff opportunity to participate in KY ECD Scholarship Program, if eligible 10. 15 clock hours annually of early care and education training approved by the cabinet or its designee 11. Director: 15 clock hours annually of early care and education training approved by the cabinet or its designee	Level 2 requirements plus : 6. Staff have a total of 18 clock hours of training annually or have entry level credential or higher and complete 15 clock hours of training annually 7. Director has total of 21 clock hours training or has higher level of education and completes 18 clock hours of training annually 8. By 4 th year in STARS, director must have CDA or higher	Level 3 requirements plus : 6. Staff have a total of 21 clock hours training annually or entry level credential or higher 7. Director has Director's Credential and CDA, AA (or higher) in Early Childhood or (related) degree
Business Practices	13. Written program policies including: fees, holidays, vacation, late fees, illness, hours of operation, who may pick up a child, a plan for how info is shared daily with parents 14. Written parent/provider agreement	Level 1 requirements plus : 11. Maintain a financial program/ record-keeping system	Level 2 requirements plus : 9. Provide families with written daily report for children age 2 and under 10. Parents provided with handbook that contains program's policies	Level 3 requirements plus : 8. Be a member of an early childhood professional organization
Regulatory Compliance	Current license in good standing	Current license in good standing	Current license in good standing	Current license in good standing